

Weekend Message Questions
The Bible for Regular People, Week 8
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Connect:

If you could travel anywhere in the world to share something you're passionate about, where would you go and what would you want people to know?

Section 1: The Message of the Kingdom

Read: Acts 13:26–33

Paul begins in the synagogue by explaining that Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises and that His resurrection changes everything.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think Paul consistently started his ministry in the synagogues before going elsewhere?
 2. What does this passage teach us about God's faithfulness to keep His promises?
 3. The Jewish people expected a Messiah, but not the kind of kingdom Jesus established. How do people today sometimes misunderstand what following Jesus is really about?
 4. How does knowing the Bible's bigger story—from the Old Testament promises to Jesus—strengthen your own faith?
 5. If someone asked you why Jesus matters, how would you explain it in your own words?
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Section 2: Taking the Gospel into Culture

Read: Acts 14:8–15

After healing a man, the people of Lystra try to worship Paul and Barnabas as gods, but they redirect everyone's attention to the one true God.

Discussion Questions

1. Why do you think the people immediately assumed Paul and Barnabas were gods?
2. What "worthless things" or modern idols compete for people's worship today?

3. Paul intentionally traveled to influential cities filled with competing beliefs. What can we learn from his willingness to engage culture instead of avoiding it?
 4. How can Christians point people toward Jesus without drawing attention to themselves?
 5. Where has God placed you (work, school, neighborhood, family, hobbies) to be a witness for Christ?
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Section 3: Living as Citizens of God's Kingdom

Read: Acts 16:29–34

The Philippian jailer asks how to be saved, and his entire household experiences transformation through faith in Jesus.

Discussion Questions

1. What changes do you notice in the jailer before and after believing in Jesus?
 2. The message emphasized that the gospel is about entering God's kingdom now—not just going to heaven someday. How does that perspective change the way we live today?
 3. Why do you think Paul continued preaching even though it often led to suffering?
 4. Read **Acts 21:13–14**. What stands out to you about Paul's willingness to obey God despite knowing hardship was coming?
 5. What does faithful obedience look like in your current season of life?
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Section 4: Personal Reflection

Take a few moments to reflect honestly before discussing.

1. Which part of Paul's missionary journeys challenged or encouraged you the most?
2. Is there someone in your life whom God may be inviting you to share the hope of Jesus with?
3. Where might God be asking you to step out in greater faith or obedience, even if it feels uncomfortable?
4. Paul viewed his entire life as part of God's mission. What is one practical way you can live more intentionally as a citizen of God's kingdom this week?
5. As you think about taking communion (or remembering Christ's sacrifice), what are you most thankful for today?

Prayer Prompt

Spend time praying for one another using these themes:

- Thank God for His faithfulness to fulfill His promises through Jesus.
- Ask God to give you boldness to share the Good News where He has placed you.
- Pray for missionaries and church planters serving around the world.
- Ask the Holy Spirit to help you live as a faithful citizen of God's kingdom in your daily life.
- Pray for courage to obey God with the same faith and perseverance that Paul demonstrated, trusting Him regardless of the cost.

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